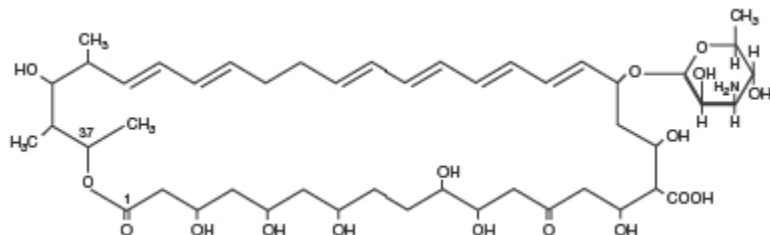


NYSTATIN - nystatin suspension

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DESCRIPTION

Nystatin is an antimycotic polyene antibiotic obtained from *Streptomyces noursei*. Its structural formula is:



C₄₇H₇₅NO₁₇ Mol. Wt. 926.13

Each mL contains 100,000 units of Nystatin in a vehicle containing 50% w/v sucrose with the following inactive ingredients: sodium citrate, glycerin, cherry flavor, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, peppermint flavor, citric acid, alcohol (less than 1% v/v), purified water. Citric acid and/or sodium hydroxide may be added to adjust pH (5.3 - 7.5).

PRESERVATIVES ADDED: Methylparaben 0.12%, Propylparaben 0.03%.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Pharmacokinetics

Gastrointestinal absorption of nystatin is insignificant. Most orally administered nystatin is passed unchanged in the stool. In patients with renal insufficiency receiving oral therapy with conventional dosage forms, significant plasma concentrations of nystatin may occasionally occur.

Microbiology

Nystatin is both fungistatic and fungicidal *in vitro* against a wide variety of yeasts and yeast-like fungi. *Candida albicans* demonstrates no significant resistance to nystatin *in vitro* on repeated subculture in increasing levels of nystatin; other *Candida* species become quite resistant. Generally, resistance does not develop *in vivo*.

Nystatin acts by binding to sterols in the cell membrane of susceptible *Candida* species with a resultant change in membrane permeability allowing leakage of intracellular components. Nystatin exhibits no appreciable activity against bacteria, protozoa, or viruses.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Nystatin Oral Suspension is indicated for the treatment of candidiasis in the oral cavity.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

The preparation is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to any of its components.

PRECAUTIONS

General

This medication is not to be used for the treatment of systemic mycoses. Discontinue treatment if sensitization or irritation is reported during use.

Carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, impairment of fertility

No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic potential. There also have been no studies to determine mutagenicity or whether this medication affects fertility in males or females.

Pregnancy

Teratogenic effects

Category C. Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with nystatin oral suspension. It is also not known whether nystatin oral suspension can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Nystatin oral suspension should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

Pediatric use

See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Nystatin is well tolerated even with prolonged therapy. Oral irritation and sensitization have been reported.

(See **PRECAUTIONS: General.**)

Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea (including one case of bloody diarrhea), nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal upset/disturbances.

Dermatologic: Rash, including urticaria has been reported rarely. Stevens-Johnson syndrome has been reported very rarely.

Other: Tachycardia, bronchospasm, facial swelling, and nonspecific myalgia have also been rarely reported.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

INFANTS: 2 mL (200,000 units) four times daily (in infants and young children, use dropper to place one half of dose in each side of mouth and avoid feeding for 5 to 10 minutes).

NOTE: Limited clinical studies in premature and low birth weight infants indicate that 1 mL four times daily is effective.

CHILDREN AND ADULTS: 4-6 mL (400,000 to 600,000 units) four times daily (one-half of dose in each side of mouth). The preparation should be retained in the mouth as long as possible before swallowing.

Continue treatment for at least 48 hours after perioral symptoms have disappeared and cultures demonstrate eradication of *Candida albicans*.

HOW SUPPLIED

Nystatin Oral Suspension USP, 100,000 USP Nystatin Units per mL, is available as a yellow, milky, ready-to-use suspension with a cherry-mint flavor in the following sizes:

60 mL bottles (with child-resistant calibrated dropper) - Prod. No. 10721

473 mL bottles - Prod. No. 10729

A 2 mL calibrated dropper with 1 mL calibrations is provided with the 60 mL container.

SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING.

STORAGE

Store between 15°-30°C (59°-86°F).

PROTECT FROM FREEZING

Dispense in a tight, light resistant container when dispensing from the original container.

60 mL: DO NOT USE IF IMPRINTED NECKBAND ON CHILD RESISTANT CAP IS NOT INTACT.

473 mL: DO NOT USE IF IMPRINTED NECKBAND ON CAP IS NOT INTACT.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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